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## MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS PRACTICAL SKILL RIGID BOARD SPLINT FOR JOINT INJURY

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Purpose:		Indications:		
To provide rigid stabilization of a suspected joint fracture Su		Suspect	Suspected joint fracture	
Advantages:	Disadvantages:		Complications:	Contraindications:
Easy to apply	Soft tissue swelling can cause bandages		None	None
Readily available	holding the board in place to become too tight			
	and restrict peripheral circulation			

Cover any open wound with a sterile dressing and control bleeding; support fracture site during process

Check distal pulse, sensation and movement

Apply padded/rigid splint across joint from bone above to bone below joint to form a triangle

Secure both ends of splint to extremity on each side of joint

Check distal circulation, sensation and movement after splinting and frequently thereafter

Loosen bandaging, cravats if necessary to maintain circulation

A sling and swathe may be used to further support upper extremity injuries

## NOTES:

 Fractures/injuries appropriately treated with a rigid board splint for a joint injury are: elbow, knee.